



1950

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

Rudolph Kokesh

Clerk –

Charlotte Chope

J. P. –

Earle Johnson Jr.

Constables –

Dick Kucera

1950 Population (by census)

12,000

Annual Meeting

March 14th, 1950

Levies

- \$13,000 for Town
- \$30,000 for Road and Bridge
- \$12,000 for Poor
- \$4,000 for Fire
- \$2,000 for Park
- \$2,000 for Police
- 1 mill levy for mosquito control

Appropriations

- To Mosquito Abatement and Resolution

Other

- Park resolution for Groveland Park

Board of Audit Meeting

February 28th, 1950

Recommended Budget

- \$63,000

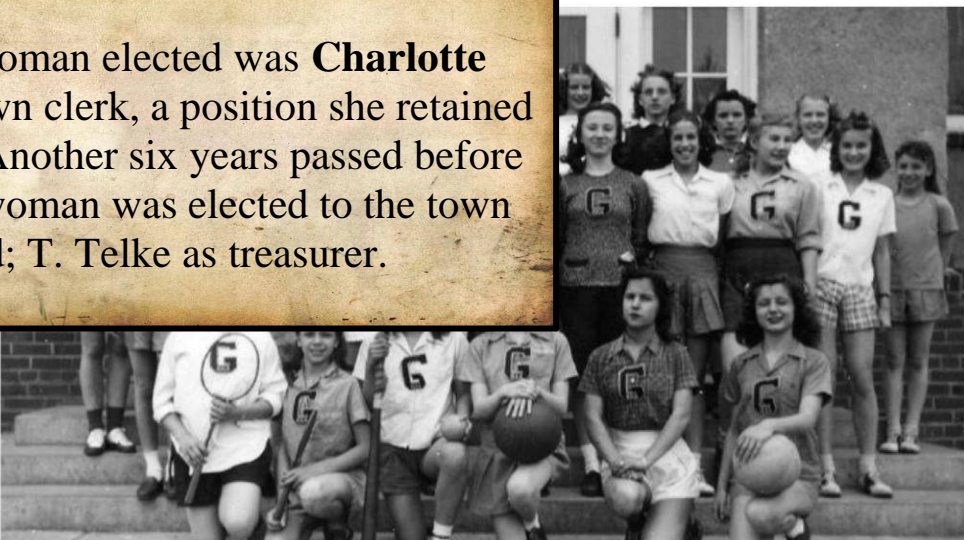


Robert Lansing
14, 1950
\$63,000

Town	\$13
Road and Bridge	30
Poor	12
Fire	4
Park	2
Police	2

WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT

The first woman elected was **Charlotte Chope**, as town clerk, a position she retained until 1956. Another six years passed before the second woman was elected to the town board; T. Telke as treasurer.



1951

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

Ray Porter

J. P. -

Wm. Frommes

Assessor -

Geo. Quam

Constables -

Allan Johnson

Annual Meeting

March 13th, 1951

Levies

- \$28,200 for Town
- \$29,550 for Road and Bridge
- \$12,000 for Poor
- \$4,000 for Fire
- \$3,940 for Park
- \$3,940 for Police

Appropriations

- \$100 to Hennepin County Fair Board
- \$250 to Centennial History Board

Salaries

- "Salaries fixed"

Other

- Civil Defense Resolution passed
- Voter registration ordered



ANNUAL MEETING

March 13, 1951

Levy \$81,630

Town	\$28,200
Road and Bridge	29,550
Poor	12,000
Fire	4,000
Police	3,940
Park	3,940

Appropriation	\$100 Hennepin County Fair Board
"	\$250 Centennial History

Salaries fixed.

Civil Defense Resolution

Voter Registration ordered.

Board of Audit Meeting

February 27th, 1951

Recommended Budget

- \$81,630



1952

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

Fred Swanson

Clerk –

Charlotte Chope

J. P. –

Earle Johnson Jr.

Constables –

Dick Kucera

Mayor & Council Members

Mayor –

Seymour Thimsen

March 11th – March 20th

Rudolph Kokesh

March 20th – April 3rd

Ray Porter

Appointed April 3rd

Council Members –

Fred Swanson

Rudolph Kokesh

Annual Meeting

March 11th, 1952

Levies

- \$33,500 for Town
- \$40,000 for Road and Bridge
- \$12,500 for Poor
- \$5,000 for Fire
- \$5,000 for Park
- \$5,000 for Police

Appropriations

- \$100 to Hennepin County Fair Board
- \$500 to Civil Defense

Salaries

- “Salaries fixed”

Other

- Civil Defense Resolution passed
- “Building Code urged”

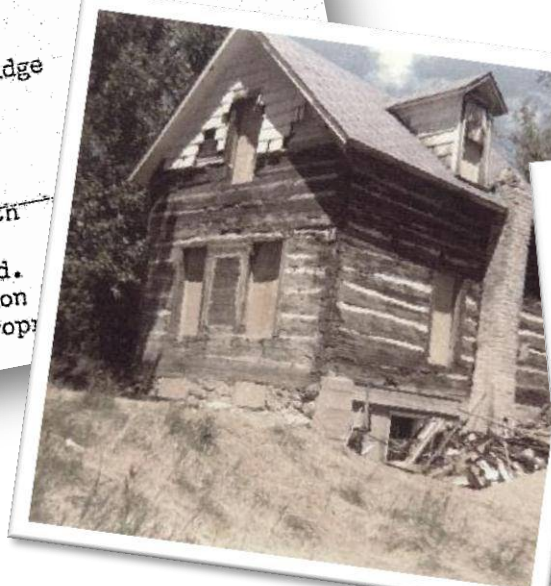
Board of Audit Meeting

February 25th, 1952

Recommended Budget

- \$103,700

ANNUAL MEETING
March 11, 1952
Levy \$103,700
Town
Road and Bridge
Poor
Fire
Park
Police
Rural Health
Salaries fixed
Voter Registration ordered.
Civil Defense Appropriation
Hennepin County Fair Approp
Building Code urged.
Elected: Sw



1953

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

Seymour Thimsen

J. P. –

Wm T. Frommes

Assessor –

Geo. Quam

Treasurer –

Al Illies

Constables –

Richard Harvey

Mayor & Council Members

Mayor –

Ray Porter

Council Members –

Fred Swanson

Rudolph Kokesh

Annual Meeting

March 10th, 1953

Levies

- \$40,000 for Town
- \$100,000 for Road and Bridge
- \$10,000 for Poor

Fire

- Purchase of fire truck approved

Appropriations

- \$100 to Hennepin County Fair Board
- \$4,200 for rural health nursing
- \$500 for Civil Defense
- \$1,000 for park fund

Salaries

- Salaries of town officials discussed
- Compensation for election boards

Other

- Resolution passed regarding Assessing bill
- Street Signs authorized

Board of Audit Meeting

March 1953

Recommended Budget

- \$150,000
- Purchase of Fire Truck



Purchase of Fire Truck authorized
Appropriation for Hennepin County Fair
Authorization of \$4200 for Rural Health Nursing
Salaries of Town Officials
Compensation for election boards
Authorized \$500 for Civil Defense
Street Signs authorized

1954

Board of Supervisors-

Supervisors-

Ray Porter

Clerk -

Charlotte Chope

J. P. -

Earle Johnson Jr.

Constables -

Dick Kucera

Soil Conservation -

Jacob Oswald

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor-

Ray Porter

Council Members-

Fred Swanson

Seymour Thimsen

Annual Meeting

March 9th, 1954

Levies

- \$18,100 for Town
- \$96,700 for Road and Bridge
- \$8,000 for Poor
- \$1,000 for Fire
- \$1,000 for Park
- \$1,000 for Police
- Amended to add \$250 for Centennial Board

Appropriations

- \$4,746 for rural health nursing
- \$500 for Civil Defense

Salaries

- Salaries of town officials discussed
- Salaries for election boards set

Other

- "Analysis of town funds"

March 9, 1954

Levy-\$125,800. (Town Fund \$18,100--Rd. & Bridge
Poor Fund \$8000--Fire Fund \$1
Park Fund \$1000--Police Fund \$1

Amended to include \$250 for Centennial

Special permission to dance on Sat. Ke
On Sale denied Mtka. Mills Grocery.

Elected: Supervisor, Ray Porter
Clerk, Charlotte Chope
Constable, Dick Kucera

FROM THE RECORDS

August 5th, 1954

"Granted: Special permission to dance on
Saturdays; Ken's Place."

Board of Audit Meeting

March 2nd, 1954

Recommended Budget

- \$125,8000

1955

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

Fred Swanson

J. P. -

Wm T. Frommes

Assessor -

Geo. Quam

Treasurer -

Al Illies

Constables -

Chet Brokl

Soil Conservation -

F. Wilson Pond

Mayor & Council Members

Mayor -

Ray Porter

Council Members -

Fred Swanson

Seymour Thimsen

Election Date:
Feb. 3rd



Annual Meeting

March 8th, 1955

Levies

- \$15,000 for Town
- \$90,000 for Road and Bridge
- \$10,000 for Poor
- \$2,000 for Fire
- \$1,000 for Park
- \$2,000 for Police

August 11th:
Nine voting
districts set up

Appropriations

- \$100 to Hennepin County Fair Board
- \$4,736 for rural health nursing

Zoning

- Zoning discussed
- Motion to exercise zoning powers in all of Minnetonka defeated

Other

- Delegation of authority of the Election Board discussed
- Civil Defense Act report given
- "Legislation requested"

ANNEXATIONS

Several small communities had developed in Minnetonka over the years, including Minnetonka Mills, Glen Lake, Groveland, Deephaven, Wayzata, Hopkins, and Oak Knoll. Some of those communities incorporated as separate cities; from the northwestern part of the township came Wayzata in 1883, from eastern sections of the township came West Minneapolis in 1893 (eventually re-named Hopkins), and from the western border came Deephaven in 1900.

Because Minnetonka Township did not have the legal authority to stop them, between 1946 and 1955 Deephaven, Wayzata, Hopkins, and St. Louis Park also annexed newly-developed residential areas in Minnetonka Township. By 1956, Minnetonka Township's area had been reduced from 36 square miles to 28 square miles. Bill Frommes, who was active in Town government and later became Municipal Judge, and Carl Dever, citizen and lawyer who became the City attorney for 19 years, led the effort to incorporate the entire remaining township area as one village to prevent further annexations.

Another group of people in the Minnetonka Mills area thought this would make the community too large and difficult to govern fairly. They instead proposed creation of 2 villages: one north of Minnetonka Blvd. to be called Burwell and another that included the rest of the township's area to be called Minnetonka. The County Board decided the election would be held on the question of the entire Town becoming a village. The election was to be held the following year, in 1956.

1956

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

Al Illies

Clerk –

Seymour Thimsen

J. P. –

Earle Johnson Jr.

Treasurer –

Theo. Telke

Constables –

Dick Kuvera

Soil Conservation -

A. P. Anderson

March 1st :
Treasurer Al
Illies resigns

Mayor & Council Members

Mayor –

Ray Porter

Council Members –

Fred Swanson

Seymour Thimsen

1956 Population

15,600

MINNETONKA VILLAGE

On August 22nd, 1956, Minnetonka elected to trade its status as a township to become a village by a vote of 2,309 to 1,275.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune reported that “voting was the 'heaviest' ever known for a town election in the area.” 3,625 ballots were submitted, or approximately 50 per cent of the registered voters,

Minnetonka was incorporated into a village on September 18th.

Annual Meeting

March 13th, 1956

Levies

- \$15,000 for Town
- \$98,000 for Road and Bridge
- \$7,000 for Poor
- \$2,000 for Fire
- \$2,000 for Park
- \$10,000 for Police

April 22nd
Election districts
established

Appropriations

- \$100 to Hennepin County Fair Board
- \$250 to resident Dana Frear for history
- \$4,736 for rural health nursing
- \$300 to Civil Defense Act

Salaries

- Salaries of town officials discussed
- “Caretaker’s pay”

Police

- Resolution authorizes the Board to set up a Police Department

Park Committee

- Park matters discussed by 9 voting districts

Other

- “Resolution for Charlotte Chope”
- “Resolution for J. E. DeVeau”
- Report on state retirement and Social Security given



1957

Mayor & Council Members

Mayor –

Ray Porter

Councilmen –

Paul Buck

Waldron Douglas

J. M. Eide

Sam Higuchi



THE CITY OF MINNETONKA

“As a maneuver to prevent neighboring villages from continuing to annex portions of Minnetonka Township, residents in 1956 voted to establish a village out of the remaining twenty-eight square miles. Opponents, believing that the area was too large, proposed the Village of Burwell north of Minnetonka Boulevard and McGinty Road but they did not prevail.”

Minnetonka Historical Society



1958

Mayor & Council Members

Mayor –

Robert DeGhetto

Councilmen –

Ray S. Porter

Al Illies

J. M. Eide

Sam Higuchi



1959

Mayor & Council Members

Mayor –

Robert DeGhetto

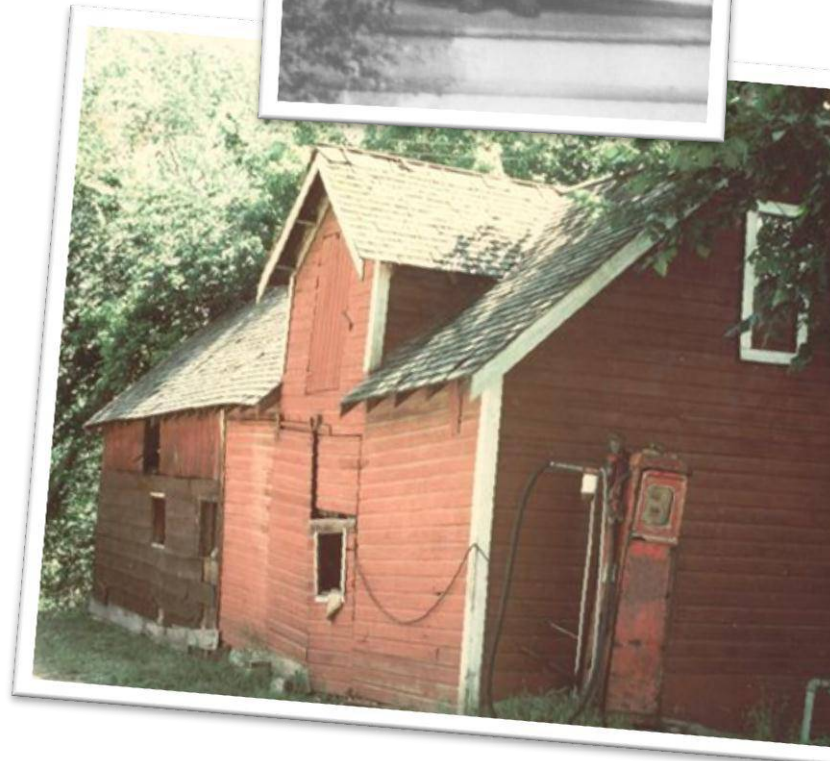
Councilmen –

Ray S. Porter

Al Illies

Frank Buttterworth

Sam Higuchi





1960s

1960

Mayor –
Robert DeGhetto

Councilmen –
Ray S. Porter
Al Illies
Frank Buttterworth
Sam Higuchi

1961

Mayor –
Robert DeGhetto

Councilmen –
Ray S. Porter
Al Illies
Frank Buttterworth
Sam Higuchi

1962

Mayor –
Al W. Illies

Councilmen –
Ray S. Porter
Edward Mason
Frank Buttterworth
Sam Higuchi

1963

Mayor –
Al W. Illies

Councilmen –
Ray S. Porter
Edward Mason
Frank Buttterworth
Sam Higuchi

1964

Mayor –
Al W. Illies

Councilmen –
Ray S. Porter (deceased 10/51/64)
Robert Allen (appointed 11/16/64)
Edward Mason
Frank Buttterworth
Sam Higuchi





1960s

1965

Mayor –

Al W. Illies

Councilmen –

Robert Allen
Edward Mason
Frank Buttterworth
Sam Higuchi

1966

Mayor –

Al W. Illies

Councilmen –

Robert Allen
Edward Mason
Frank Buttterworth
Sam Higuchi

1967

Mayor –

Al W. Illies

Councilmen –

Robert Allen
Edward Mason
Frank Buttterworth
Sam Higuchi

1968

Mayor –

William Cooley

Councilmen –

Mrs. Betty Johnson
Edward Mason
AL Illies
Sam Higuchi

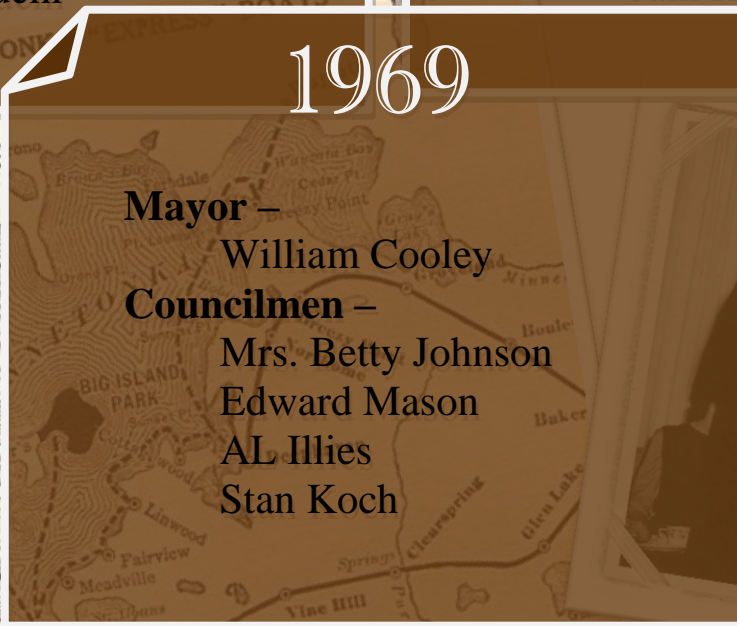
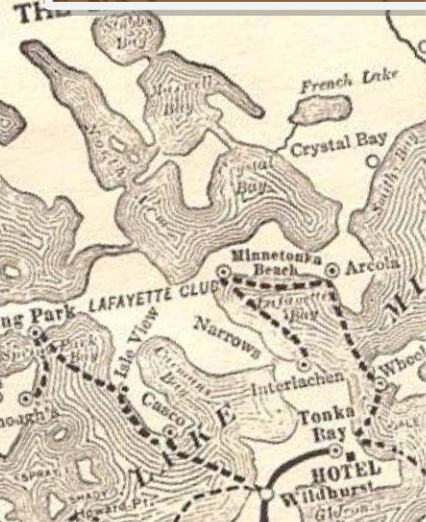
1969

Mayor –

William Cooley

Councilmen –

Mrs. Betty Johnson
Edward Mason
AL Illies
Stan Koch





1970s

1970

Mayor –

Edward Mason

Councilmen –

Mrs. Betty Johnson

Gerald Heetland

H. Hanus

Stan Koch

Al Illies

1971

Mayor –

Edward Mason

Councilmen –

Mrs. Betty Johnson

Gerald Heetland

H. Hanus

Stan Koch

Al Illies

1972

Mayor –

Stan Koch

Councilmen –

Janet Yonehiro

Gerald Heetland

Fred Hanus

Richard Larsen

Dr. Mark Renneke

Al Michals

1973

Mayor –

Stan Koch

Councilmen –

Janet Yonehiro

Gerald Heetland

Fred Hanus

Richard Larsen

Dr. Mark Renneke

Al Michals

1974

Mayor –

Edward Mason

Councilmen –

Mrs. Betty Johnson

Gerald Heetland

H. Hanus

Stan Koch

Al Illies

